

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 17, 2007

Members Present: Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Dr. Andrea Wilko gave background information and a budget overview for the Division of Arts and Museums. The three main areas of the Arts division are Administration, the Grant Program and the Outreach Program. The Outreach Program includes arts education, community and state partnerships, visual arts, folk arts, traveling exhibits, a literature program and a public art program. The Division of Museum Services responsibilities include the care and management of collections, education resources, access to resources, and assistance to entities to compete for grants. The focus of the Division has been on accessibility, a broader view of its constituency, and the Creative Communities Initiative. The Analyst recommends the committee include an additional \$4,800 in dedicated credits. A grants management system is being initiated. The Analyst recommends a base budget for the Fine Arts of \$3,619,000 with \$2,777,600 coming from the general fund and a base budget for Museum Services of \$310,900.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

Margaret Hunt, Director, Division of Arts and Museums, presented the Division overview. The committee received a handout copy of the slide presentation. Performance measures are being

developed through a listening tour of constituents and are being incorporated into a long range plan. Performance measures include quality customer service, increasing arts and museums infrastructures, community capacity building, grants and awards administration, and maximizing resource leveraging. The Change Leader Institute program and Creative Community Grants were discussed in greater detail and a request was made for \$200,000 to continue the programs. The Creative Community projects from throughout the state were highlighted. The distribution and use of Arts and Museum grants throughout the state was reported.

The progress of the conservation and preservation of state collections was discussed. To date, fourteen pieces have been restored at a cost of \$18,438. Three new pieces of artwork were acquired for the collection.

Dr. Wilko discussed the Budget Brief for the State Library. The Division administers four program areas, including Administration, Services for the Blind and Disabled, Library Development and Library Resources. Also discussed were Library Grants. The Analyst recommends the committee prioritize \$200,000 ongoing funding for the grants program. The Analyst recommends a base budget of \$8,600,900 with \$4,767,500 from the general fund and the remainder from Federal Funds and Dedicated Credits.

Bela Vastag, Financial Manager for the State Library, responded to the committee's questions about Library Fees.

Donna Jones Morris, Director, State Library, introduced Shelley Day from the State Library Board, who spoke in support of the library's efforts in the development, advancement and promotion of library services.

Donna Jones Morris introduced Bela Vastag, Financial Manager, Bessie Oakes, Program Manager for the Blind and Disabled, Jeri Openshaw, Information Specialist, Douglas Abrams, Program Manager for Library Development, and Craig Neilson, Program Manager for Library Resources. The Division overview was presented with a slide presentation and handout. The administrative budget was discussed. A request was made for \$200,000 in ongoing funding for the Community Library Enhancement Funds. The use of these funds in libraries around the state was presented.

Eve Tallman, Director, Grand County Public Library, addressed the committee about the use of grant money for the library. The Grand County Public Library was awarded the 2007 Best Small Library in America award. The Pioneer Database and the support and training from the State Library were cited as great help. The committee commended the library for the distinguished honor.

Jim Cooper, Director, Salt Lake County Library System, spoke on the use of the Community Library Enhancement funds. The State Library supports them with professional development, the Pioneer program, materials selection and technology. It was requested that the committee fund on a continuous basis the Community Library Enhancement Funds.

Donna Jones Morris discussed the Blind and Disabled division of the State Library. It contains the largest collection of Braille in the world and is used by 21 other states. Almost a million dollars worth of work has been provided by volunteers. Other services provided by the State Library were highlighted, and support was reiterated for the Department of Community and Culture discretionary funding request.

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Department of Community and Culture Administration Budget Brief.

Palmer DePaulis, Director, Department of Community and Culture, discussed performance measures throughout the department. He also explained how funds allocated for digitization are used. The three main components are project management, labor, and storage.

Ally Isom, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture reported on the need of a research analyst that would be used by all divisions of the department.

Cynthia Buckingham, Executive Director, Utah Humanities Council, introduced the following members of the Board of Directors: Aida Mattingley, Chair, Jon Weisberg, Vice-Chair, Jan Bennett and Joanne Milner. The Utah Humanities Council is an independent state-wide agency that works closely with each government agency within the Department of Community and Culture. A packet of information was given to committee members. A request was made for \$100,000 ongoing funding. Rep. Allen commended the council for the work they do.

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman, Rep. Bird, Rep. Fisher absent for the vote.

Rep. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair